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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

In the Final Office Action, claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Further to the Final Office Action, claims 1-16 were allowed.

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows:

Claims 17 and 18 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to introduce these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

**Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is warranted per MPEP 706.07(e).**

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Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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